

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, and 12-14 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is independent.

Claims 15-27 have been cancelled, thus mooting the restriction requirement.

Claims 1-5, and 13-14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Short, for the reasons discussed on pages 4-7 of the Office Action. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 6, 7, and 12 contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, while specifically traversing the art rejections, and preserving Applicants' right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicants have incorporated subject matter from allowable dependent Claim 1 into independent Claim 1 solely to secure immediate allowance thereof.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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